

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
Richard HARDING et al. : Examiner: Sow Fun HON  
Serial No.: 10/567,552 : Group Art Unit: 1798  
Filed: February 8, 2006 :

Title: ALIGNMENT LAYER WITH REACTIVE MESOGENS FOR ALIGNING LIQUID CRYSTAL MOLECULES

**REPLY**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action issued July 27, 2011, and in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 19 of this paper.

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